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Gladiolus Iris Delphinium

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To Lovers of--
Gladiolus-- Iris-- Delphinium

THESE three flowers are my specialties; but the Gladiolus is my pet. By growing only a few kinds, I am able to produce stock of a better quality and to market it at very attractive prices. The varieties I offer are what I consider among the best, and if you truly love to grow flowers you will have only the best. In presenting this catalogue, I ask your earnest consideration of the varieties offered and the prices asked; and to remember I send out **ONLY** first size bulbs, and flowering plants. I solicit your business in the hope of giving entire satisfaction or refunding your money.

Postage is paid on 12 bulbs or 6 plants to any point in the United States. 6 bulbs at the dozen rate, 25 at the 100 rate.

Robert A. Giblin

Spring Valley

Rockland County

New York

Effective Uses of Gladiolus

To hide the barrenness of the ground, sow the annual Baby's Breath (*Gypsophila*) as a carpet flower. The snow-white blooms are always a pleasing contrast to the existing shades in Gladioli. As the flowers last about three weeks, make sowings every two weeks in the same spot up to time of the first bloom. Thereafter, they reseed themselves for the balance of the season.

Many of the cream and yellow varieties, particularly Niagara combine beautifully with lavender Phlox and Ageratum. Another lovely picture is to combine a dark brown red *Salpiglossis* as the background and a hardy purple Phlox in front. The cream varieties also blend well with a lavender hardy Aster. For a striking contrast, use evergreens for a background with the tall red varieties.

For house decoration the Gladiolus lends itself admirably. With its great variety of colors to choose from, one can always find flowers to blend with any room. If there is a blue room, try a vase of Alice Tiplady, and you will regret when the blooms are gone. Also place a few spikes of *Delphinium Belladonna* with this variety and you have another pleasing effect. For a change, try a vase of *Proserpine* and again you will be delighted with the harmony of color. A good combination with most any one of the pink varieties, is to use a few sprays of *Delphinium Belladonna*. For table use, a few spikes separately of Liss, America, La Luna, Autumn Queen, Loveliness and etc., are always attractive, or make your own combinations to blend with furnishings. I prefer the tall growing kinds for garden effect, and shorter spikes for house decorations.

Pink Varieties

AMERICA. Is a soft delicate shade of lavender pink blending. The blooms are enormous when expanded and many open together on a stout spike. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen, \$4.75 per 100.

Evelyn Kirtland. This variety grows very tall, hence is most majestic for garden effects; particularly with shrubs. The blooms are an intense rosy pink. The edges are somewhat reflexed, tho darker, blending to shell pink at throat with a brilliant scarlet blotch on lower petals. Each bloom opens very wide and as eight open together, the impression is a glistening lustre that is extremely attractive. 20 cents each, \$2 per dozen, \$18. per 100.

GRETCHEN ZANG. A pleasing color of salmon flesh shading lighter toward the throat. The petals on the outside are darker, while the lower ones have a deep coral red blotch, blending to a lavender flesh throat with midribs of cardinal red. A tall grower and when in bloom, surely is a beautiful sight. 20 cents each, \$2 per dozen, \$18 per 100.

PANAMA. A very soft tone of rose pink, greatly like the Rose "Mrs. John Laing." The open blooms are large and attractive set on a strong spike. As a cut flower it wins immediate admiration. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen, \$8 per 100.

PROSERPINE. To lovers of deep cerise pink, I strongly recommend this variety. As a cut flower, a vase of these gives life and charm to any room. The spike is quite apt to grow crooked, but a stake will remedy this as it is worth the trouble to have blooms so large and beautiful. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen, \$13 per 100.

HALLEY. The spike is very graceful with giant open blooms of coral pink, having a blotch of creamy white in throat. An early bloomer and much admired. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen, \$4.75 per 100.

LISS. A lovely deep apple blossom pink with a darker blotch on lower petals. The blooms are rather small, but set so nicely on the spike they give a pleasing effect. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen. \$12 per 100.

MYRTLE. A tender and delicate rose pink, one of the best found in a Gladiolus. Flowers of good size and form. Blooms early. 20 cents each. \$2.00 per dozen, \$18 per 100.

PRINCE of WALES. On a three foot spike, small buds open into large flowers eight or ten at a time. Some list it as salmon pink, but I consider it a clear buff with a glistening gold tint. The blooms appear early and are distinctly pleasing to the most critical. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen, \$14.00 per 100.

DAWN. A magnificent flower of great size, many opening at a time. A delicate salmon, shading to white in centre, with a light stain of claret near the throat. Very superior variety. 75 cents each, \$7.50 per dozen.



Niagara and Panama

Cream and Yellow Varieties

AUTUMN QUEEN. When planted late the flowers are extra fine in texture; and blooming late is more appreciated. The color is appropriate for fall, the upper petals being a creamy yellow suffused with peach blossom pink; while the lower petals are striped a beautiful carmine-red. A vase of blooms is delightful. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen, \$22.00 per 100.

LOVELINESS. A soft creamy pink, blending to a cream throat, which is penciled with rosy crimson. The petals also have a few slight flecks of rose; making an exquisite flower on a strong spike that is most effective. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen, \$13.00 per 100.

SCHWABIN. A soft sulphur yellow, with a brownish red blotch on the lower petal. Very strong grower and excellent for garden effect. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen, \$9.00 per 100.

LA LUNA. An eminent flower, giant in size. As the buds gradually open they are a pale yellow, but when expanded, change to a beautiful cream with a blotch of rich blood red in the centre. A vase of these is a gorgeous sight. 60 cents each, \$6.00 per dozen.

NIAGARA. The leader of the cream colored varieties. Large bloom with a fine pencil mark of crimson in the throat. The purple stamens and the pale carmine stigmas, effectively bring out the color of the blooms. An unusually beautiful flower and lasts well when cut. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen, \$8.00 per 100.

FLORA. Immense blooms of beautiful golden yellow. The spike is a stout grower on which the flowers arrange themselves in a most attractive way. Particularly fine. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

The grain is God's bounty,
The flowers are his smiles.

Red Varieties

CRACKER JACK. A pretty velvety bloom of crimson carmine. Throat greenish yellow splashed amaranth and mauve. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen, \$4.75 per 100.

GOLIATH. An enormous flower of wide open form; dark purplish maroon. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen, \$13.00 per 100.

MRS. VELTHUYS. A very good deep brilliant red. The blooms are large on a stout spike; will create a showy effect in the garden. 30 cents each, \$3.00 per dozen, \$25 per 100.

RED EMPEROR. An intense deep scarlet of immense size. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen, \$18.00 per 100.

DIXIE. To those preferring the dark shades, I can recommend this variety because its color is so unusual. It is a red, but being so deep and rich in texture, it is almost black, 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen, \$18.00 per 100.

MRS. WATT. An exceptionally fine flower. The color is a deep bright crimson, midribs on lower petals lighter. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen, \$8.00 per 100.

PRINCEPINE. A good carmine red with a white splash on lower petals. 8 cents each, 75 cents per dozen, \$7.50 per 100.

WAR. The color is a deep blood red, shading to crimson. undoubtedly one of the largest reds offered today. A fine flower. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen, \$9.00 per 100.

Lavender Varieties

MARY FENNELL. A delicate shade that is sure to please where ever grown. It is deep lavender, shading lighter in throat, small white line thru center of each petal. Lower petals primrose yellow with pencilings of lavender. Blooms large and well expanded on a stout spike. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen, \$18.00 per 100.

LOUISE. The queen of its color where ever seen. The blooms are large and well opened. The petals are a most exquisite shade of lavender, with a wine colored blotch extending into the throat. 75 cents each, \$7.50 per dozen.

White Varieties

EUROPA. The blooms are snow-white with no other markings which is unusual in the *Gladiolus*. When in full bloom, the spike is magnificent and a sensation in this class. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen, \$18 per 100.

LILYWHITE. A beautiful strong growing white with lower petals creamy shaded. Very popular and of good form. 40 cents each, \$4.00 per dozen, \$35.00 per 100.

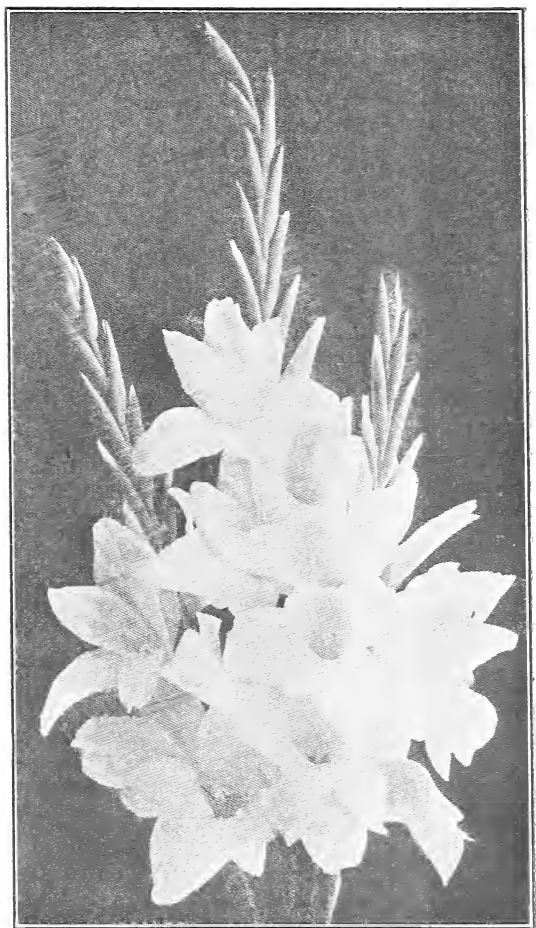
L'IMMACULEE. One of the best whites for garden effect as the spike is tall and shows many blooms open together. Very early. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen, \$13 per 100.

PEACE. A late bloomer and strong grower. The flowers are quite large with a lilac blotch on lower petals that is very effective. 10 cents each, \$1 per dozen, \$8 per 100.

ROUGE TORCH. A striking contrast is presented here, in a rouge-like tongue extending from the throat to outer end of lower petal. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen, \$8.00 per 100.

WHITE GIANT. The form of this flower greatly resembles an Easter Lily, and when planted with *Delphinium*, makes a most attractive combination. The spike is a tall strong grower, while the blooms under artificial light have a frosted appearance. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

Are the violets in the sod,
Crocus beneath the clod?
When will Boreas give us peace?
Or has Winter signed a lease
For another month of frost,
Leaving Spring to pay the cost?
For it seems he still is king,
Though 'tis spring.
—Christopher Pearse Cranch.



White Grant

Blue and Purple Varieties

BARON JOS. HULOT. This variety is considered the most popular of its color. The blooms while not large, are a pleasing deep velvety purple, that blends well with yellow varieties. 15 cents each \$1.50 per dozen. \$13 per 100.

CONSPICUOUS. A good light blue and often called "The Pansy Glad", for the lower petal is a dark blue with a yellow blotch. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen, \$18 per 100.

BLUE JAY. This is a good blue as a cut flower if cut in bud; as the sun fades it. The color is a lobelia blue, white spot on lower petals and yellow center. Very fine. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen, \$22.00 per 100.

KING of the BLUES A flower that is very rare, but also very beautiful and striking. It is an extra fine deep purple blue. \$3.50 each, \$30.00 per dozen.

MR. MARK. A foreign introduction of light blue with darker blotch in throat. Strong grower. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen, \$18.00 per 100.

REV. EWBANK. The best porcelain blue yet introduced, both as a cut flower and for garden displays; as it does not fade. A grand variety. 75 cents each, \$7.50 per dozen.

HERADA. A tall grower with large blooms of a most beautiful glistening clear shade of mauve. A very superior flower. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen, \$18.00 per 100.

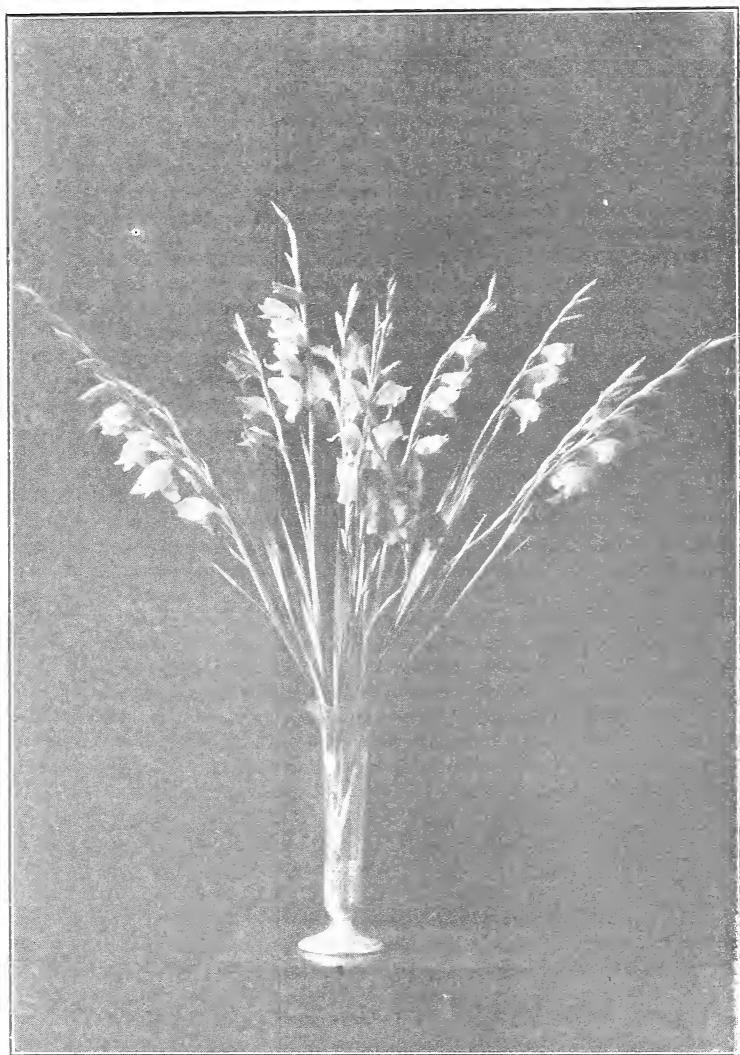
Primlinus Hybrids

This is a species of *Gladiolus* where stiffness and massiveness are completely lost, and gracefulness and airiness are substituted. They are a lovely flower for both house and garden effect, and win instant favor where ever seen. The spikes are about the thickness of a pencil, grow four feet high and are most graceful as they slightly bend. The flowers are not large like the regular kinds, but are small, hooded on top and set fairly apart on the stalk. The colors range from, palest yellow to deepest orange, from palest pink to intense salmon, and from rose to crimson. These *Gladiolus* shine forth in a most artistic way, and should be in every collection.

Alice Tiplady. Orange saffron. A beautiful flower 35 cents each, \$3.50 per dozen, \$30.00 per 100.

- Frans Hals.** Rich vermilion, yellow throat with red stripes. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen, \$13.00 per 100.
- J. P. Koen.** A fine deep rose. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen. \$13 per 100.
- JOAN DE WIT.** Delicate rose. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.
- Laurens' Koster.** Light yellow with two red stripes on lower petals. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen, \$13.00 per 100.
- P. Nein.** Large salmon rose, with pale yellow throat. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen, \$12.00 per 100.
- Seneca.** Faintest wine-pink, on a delicate yellow ground. Almost transparent. 35 cents each, \$3.50 per dozen.
- Vanula.** Purest carmine, lower petals soft red. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.
- Van Limburg Strirum.** Large white, penciled with rose, turning into light yellow on lower petals. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen, \$18.00 per 100.
- Yoeman.** Large finely ruffled pure salmon pink. 35 cents each, \$3.50 per dozen.
- Primulinus Mixed.** A very fine mixture of all colors. 50 cents per dozen, \$4.50 per 100.

Look to the Rose that blows about us—"Lo
 Laughing," she says, "into the World I blow:
 At once the silken Tassel of my Purse
 Tear, and its Treasure on the Garden throw.:
 Omar



Primulinus Hybrids

Irises

NO HARDY garden is complete without an Iris effect; the oldest of old-fashioned garden flowers our grandmothers so much admired. Grown in a mixed bed or enmasse, they are an asset to any garden that harbors hardy plants. Give the bearded kinds a dry situation, with plenty of sunshine. The Japanese varieties are somewhat semi-aquatic, so give abundant moisture. For a second flowering effect, plant Gladiolus bulbs with the Japanese varieties whose foliage they resemble. While this list is limited, the varieties are meritorious and reasonably priced.

Bearded Iris

Alvelrea, S. light blue F. Brilliant purple	15c.	\$1.50
Aurea, Rich chrome—yellow	30c.	3.00
Celeste, Pale azure—blue	30c.	3.00
Florentina Blue, Deep dark blue	15c.	1.50
Florentina Alba, Pure white; sweet scented.....	25c.	2.50
Her Majesty, S. bright lavender rose; F. Crim- son over white	30c.	3.00
Lohengrin, S. and F. uniform soft shade of rose	30c.	3.00
Loreley, S. light yellow, F. ultramarine blue, bordered cream	30c.	3.00
Mme. Chereau, S. pure white, edged with azure blue, F. white with blue penciling	15c.	1.50
Mrs. M. Darwin, S. white, F. violet	25c.	2.50
Pallida Albert Victor. Fine lavender—blue ..	25c.	2.50
Pallida Dalmatica, Lavender. Blooms very large	25c.	2.50
Perfection, S. light blue. F. Dark violet black and orange beard. Handsome and bold ..	20c.	2.00
Queen of May. Soft rosy lilac pink	25c.	2.50
Queen of Gypsies, S. Light bronze. F. Purple red	15c.	1.50

Japan Iris

Apollo, Sgl. Very large, pure white, pink center	30c.	3.00
Blue Wing, Sgl. Indigo blue, shaded purple	40c.	4.00
Gold Bound. Dbl. Pure white, gold bounded center	20c.	2.00

Mahogany, Dbl. Dark red, shaded maroon	50c.	5.00
Sana—Watashi, Sgl. Pure white	20c.	2.00
Mt. Hood, Dbl. Light blue, orange center	25c.	2.50
Pyramid, Dbl. violet purple	25c.	2.50
Banda—Nomani, Dbl. White, rich golden band	20c.	2.00
Templeton, Dbl. Light violet, mottled pink and white. Fine form.	25c.	2.50
Victor. Dbl. White, violet purple center	25c.	2.50

Delphinium Belladonna

(*Hardy Larkspur*)

THIS flower is invariably a favorite with those who love hardy flowers. On entering a garden, how quickly your attention will be arrested by the clear turquoise-blue of its flower. How stately and refined an appearance it makes when properly staked. If set in rich soil they will give a wealth of bloom until frost, provided old blooms are cut close and a little bone meal dug about them.

I grow large quantities of this variety and can furnish one year old field plants that will bloom this summer. 20 cents each; \$2.00 per dozen.

"The violet in her green-wood bower,
Where birchen boughs with hazels
mingle,

May boast itself the fairest flower
In glen or copse or forest dingle."

Scott.



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